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SCHOOL'S REPORT.

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' COLLEGE GRADUATION.

FIFTH CHUNG HOK CLASS.

Lady Clement gave away the certificates at the fifth graduation of the Chung Hok class, St. Paul's Girls' College, held to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

The list of graduates was:—Middle School:—Chai Lin-tak, Tsui Chung-sing, Chan Suk-kin, Wong Yau-chue, Li Foon-ping, Luk Chue-yue, Kan Cherk-kwong, Wong Suet-sing, Pak Hung-fong, Upper School:—Ng Lai-sheng, Yue Sau-wa, Yue Kam-shuang, Tam Yau-kin, Ype Yiu-yue, Ip Yuk-kin, Chan Pak-ting, Lo Wei-ting.

Giving her annual report the headmistress (Miss Wu) said, inter alia:

"Lady Clement, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen.—Before making my report I wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to Lady Clement for the honour she has done us by coming to distribute the certificates to the fifth graduating class of the Chinese 'Chung Hok.' We are fortunate in having enlisted her sympathy and interest in our school, for we are sure that she will be an inspiration and a guide to us in coming years, as Lady Stubbs had been in the past.

"Reviewing the work of 1925, we have every reason to say 'Thou crownest our year with Thy goodness, O God!' The year opened with 422 pupils on our roll, and often the daily attendance was as high as 416. This good result had never before been attained in the history of the school. The strike which caused a big drop in the number of students in most other schools, made little difference to us, for our average attendance for 1925 was only seven pupils less than that of 1924, though in both years we had as many as we could take.

"The summer vacation commenced on June 25, a fortnight earlier than scheduled time, because the girls had to walk all the way from Causeway Bay, Wanchai and West Point to the school after all means of conveyance had stopped. The school was very well attended up to the time of the vacation. We re-opened on September 1 in order not to fail to fulfil the required number of the school days in the year.

"The outstanding event of 1925, was the celebration of the laying of the foundation stone of our new school premises on June 6. Our late Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, very graciously performed the ceremony. In the course of his speech His Excellency said that he was convinced that much had been lost in the East by too much time being devoted to acquiring a knowledge of Western language and literature; and that he welcomed the idea of having a high grade school where Chinese literature would form an important part of the work. He further said that what he hoped to see was a Chinese faculty of arts at the University, but the project had been handicapped by lack of funds. We wish to appeal to our present Governor, who is so keen on education and so renowned in Chinese scholarship, to carry out not only the idea of his distinguished predecessor, but also the wishes of the majority of the Chinese in the Colony. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, chairman of the building committee, in presenting his report of the committee in June last, laid stress on the importance of Chinese education for Chinese girls and I respectfully commend his remarks to the notice of His Excellency. Many of our girls go to Nanking and Canton for their academic pursuits.

"There are nine girls graduating this year. Three will take up teaching, one will go to Kwangtung University, and the other five will continue the study of English. By the grace of God, we hope to enter into our new premises in September next. It is very much to be hoped that we may be able to carry out the entire programme of the building, as originally planned, though at present we are short of funds owing to the strike. Unless we are able to obtain assistance from the Government there is a danger of the construction work having to be stopped. The building committee believe that with such a keen supporter of education as His Excellency the Governor, there should be no ground for pessimism. May I respectfully appeal to both the Government and

CORPSE STOLEN.

FOUR MEN SHARE FIFTY DOLLARS.

KIND WOMAN SURPRISED.

Finding the corpse of a man floating off Cheung Chau (Dumb-bell) Island, a Hakka woman dragged it ashore, but four men stole it the moment her back was turned and so made \$50 between them.

On January 15, two sampans went out near Green Island to meet the incoming s.s. 'Chin-hua.' Those in the boats thought pigs were on board and there was competition to take earliest delivery, the merchant paying an extra 30 cents per head for the first lot landed.

One of the sampans collided with the steamer and those in the boat were thrown into the water. An assurance was given that everybody had been picked up but a foki was subsequently posted, assuming.

A society that he belonged to offered \$50 reward for discovery of his body.

About a week later the Hakka woman found the corpse but was unaware of the circumstances. She went round to the Kaifongs, raised about \$20 by subscription and went to purchase a coffin. In her absence four men stole the dead body, brought it to Hongkong and received the reward.

Inquiries were made by the woman and she re-took the coffin to the maker for half the price.

Our generous donors not to allow this piece of work to be impaired, if not destroyed, for want of funds? I must express my deepest gratitude to Mr. Lee Hy-san, who, in spite of these difficult times, has been paying up wonderfully his large subscriptions to the building fund. We have yet subscriptions outstanding amounting to \$100,000, which we hope we shall have no difficulty in collecting when the present trouble is ended.

"We regret to report the passing away of one of our secretaries, Miss Daisy Wei. She had been a student from the opening of the school, and joined the staff immediately after her graduation. Her work is now taken up by Misses Leung Sau-king and Choy Wing-kow who are also graduates. There are thirty on the staff, including the three visiting teachers, Mrs. Griggs as singing mistress, Miss Pong Han as drawing mistress and Miss Shek Kwok-ying as gymnastic mistress. The high attendance daily reflects credit on both staff and pupils.

"The girls have contributed \$1,000 to the M.C.L. and \$200 to the C.H.M.S., and several smaller sums were donated at different times besides those to the Bible Society, the Leper Mission, in Pakhoi, Chinese Clergy Fund, and the Church Women Missionary Service League. The girls opened a free school at Causeway Bay in 1920 as a result of the work done in the New Year Evangelistic week. It is managed and maintained by the girls ever since with the generous help of Mr. Wong Kam-fuk who donates \$120 per annum towards the expenses. The girls entertained a big audience of their parents and friends at Christmas with a concert, and also contributed a few items to the St. Paul's Church concert. On the Sunday before Christmas we were happy to see eight girls being baptised. On the same Sunday in the previous year ten were baptised. The School Y.W.C.A. organised eleven Bible classes outside school hours, the average attendance being a little over a hundred. The Sunday School is managed by Li Man-chee, assisted by Tsui Chung-sing and Chan Lin-tak. Over forty children attend every Sunday. The girls also support an orphan from Nanling in the Victoria Home.

"The general work of the school was found to be very satisfactory. The Inspector of Vernacular Schools complimented us on the handwriting and the general neatness of the written work. Essay writing was good, and in some classes the work was more advanced than the required standard. The girls are diligent and show a keen desire to learn.

"Before closing I wish to thank Mrs. Griggs, Miss Capell and Miss Shek for getting up the programme for to-day, and the H.K. Amusements, Ltd., particularly Mr. Ray for the kind loan of this theatre."

MR. J. R. WOOD.

SUBSTANTIVE APPOINTMENT AS PUISNE JUDGE.

PLEASING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. J. R. Wood, who has been acting as Puisne Judge for some time, has now received the announcement of his substantive appointment to that position, on which he will be most warmly congratulated by his numerous friends in the Colony.

Mr. John Roskrige Wood, M.A., Cantab., barrister at law (Lincoln's Inn) was appointed a Cadet as long ago as October 12, 1899, and on arrival here on December 19 of the same year he was posted to the Colonial Secretary's Office. Eleven months later he became Registrar of Land Court, New Territories, where he was acting Police Magistrate from May 1 to August 1, 1902; a member of the Land Court, in 1904; and Assistant Land Officer in 1905, in which year he also was Acting Assistant Registrar General in addition to his other duties.

After a spell of leave in 1907-08 he was appointed Acting Second Magistrate, Hongkong; in the following year he assumed duty as Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, Supreme Court, being appointed three months later as Second Police Magistrate.

Following service as a member of the Board of Examiners and Acting Director of Education, which was succeeded by nine months' leave, he resumed duty as Second Magistrate on September 22, 1913, and from April 16, 1914, to the end of 1919 he was Acting First Magistrate, retaining the substantive appointment and performing these duties with distinction. He was then transferred to the entire satisfaction of the Government and the community, with short breaks during which he acted as Puisne Judge and Chairman of the 'Sui An' Piracy Commission.

On his transfer a few months ago as Acting Puisne Judge it was generally felt that his long services in a judicial and magisterial capacity would soon be definitely recognised. Hence it is that the present announcement of his substantive appointment as Puisne Judge will not come as a surprise. This fact, however, will not dim in any way the host of congratulations that will be showered upon him, coupled with the wish that he may long be spared to bear ornament to the Bench in this Colony.

FRENCH BANK.

SOME BONDS ARRIVE IN HONGKONG.

DELAY IN DISTRIBUTION.

Some of the Banque Industrielle de Chine bonds, provided for according to the scheme which was made public some time ago, have arrived at the local offices of the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie.

These, however, are mostly for Canton and Swatow and have been forwarded to those places. Those for Hongkong will be issued as soon as possible but owing to the limited staff available it is not anticipated that the arrangements for distribution locally will be complete before the Chinese New Year.

A JOYOUS NIGHT.

THE GLOBE TROTTERS SCORE ANOTHER SUCCESS.

It says much for the versatile entertaining powers of Dick Norton's New Globe Trotters that for the fourth night in succession they drew a crowded house last night, and, moreover, were able to keep that house in an extravagantly joyous mood from beginning to end. Dick Norton's present visit to the Colony will be long remembered for this unbroken series of successes, a feature being that those who have gone to the Star Theatre once have patronised it at succeeding performances.

There will be another entertainment to-night, and to-morrow (Sunday) the Globe Trotters bring their season to a close.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2 1/4 1/8.

SIR B. THOMSON.

APPEAL AGAINST HIS RECENT CONVICTION.

MAGISTRATE UPHOLD.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 5.

The appeal of Sir Basil Thomson against his conviction and sentence was dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal.

On January 5 a huge crowd besieged Marlborough Street Police Court, London, on the appearance of Sir Basil Thomson, Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police from 1913-1919, in answer to two summonses, one accusing him of indecency with a woman in Hyde Park, and the other requiring him to show cause why his recognisances of £5 should not be forfeited for his non-appearance in Court on the day named in the original summons. The second summons was dismissed. Sir Basil Thomson was found guilty on the first charge and fined £5 and £5 costs.

\$7,000 RECEIPT.

CANTON NAVAL OFFICER IN TROUBLE.

CHARGE OF RECEIVING.

Said to be an officer in the Canton Navy, Ip Tze-ying was charged at the Magistracy this morning with receiving a deposit receipt for \$7,000, believed to have been stolen.

Mr. M. K. Lo applied for bail. Detective Inspector T. Murphy asked for a remand of 48 hours, in police custody.

The money was placed with the Singapore Co., Hongkong (in the name of Chan Lap-to), and had been paid out against a duplicate on the original having been notified as lost. Defendant is alleged to have presented the document when he was handed over to the police.

The case was remanded till 10 a.m. on Monday when His Worship (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) will make a date and go into the question of bail.

"A.P.C." LOTTER.

SMALL PRINTERY FOUND IN ROOM.

"BOY" CONVICTED.

A small Chinese printery was brought into Major C. Willson's court at the Magistracy this morning when three Chinese were prosecuted, on different charges, for keeping a gaming house, possession of Po Pu lottery tickets, and printing the tickets, etc. The seizure was made yesterday in the room of the "boy" to Mr. Saunders (caretaker), on the seventh floor of the A.P.C. building.

Concurrent sentences of hard labour were imposed, all with the option of fines, as follows:—

First defendant, three months actually; second (the "boy") three months; third, one month.

KOWLOON ARMS ARREST.

Possession of a revolver, a dagger, knives and three packets of pepper is alleged against four men arrested at Kowloon, City yesterday. They will be charged before a Magistrate in due course.

FATAL STOLEN RIDE.

Injuries to the head caused the almost instant death of a Chinese near the Sheungshui railway station yesterday, after he had "stolen" a ride on a motor lorry. He had been refused by the driver and fell off his perch after going sixty yards or so. The driver pulled up, walked back along the road and found him dead.

Through the driving shaft breaking while going up Pokfulam Road (near Suiyung School) yesterday, a motor lorry ran backwards and knocked down a street (gas) lamp-post.

NEW MANAGER.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS INCIDENT.

CANTON PRESSURE?

Mr. Au Tang, manager of the Chinese Telegraph Administration, Hongkong, who was recently detained by the Canton Public Peace (police) Bureau, has been released under a bond and has returned to Hongkong.

During his stay in Canton, so it is stated, he was asked to instruct the Hongkong office to hand over control to a nominee of the Canton Government. Peking has now appointed Mr. Kim Tean-lim (pronounced Kam Tsan-lum in Cantonese) as the new manager. Mr. Kim was formerly associate manager in Hongkong. It is reported that Peking's reason for the change is that "Mr. Au's attitude is unknown." Mr. Kim has now taken charge.

PEAK SERVANTS.

TRESPASSING CHARGE SUCCEEDS.

LAST NIGHT'S RAID.

More serious charges would have been preferred against eleven domestics, if Sub-Inspector W. Shannon had been armed with a warrant instead of making a casual investigation when he visited the servants' quarters of Mr. M. G. Noll's house at No. 165, The Peak (Mount Kellett) last night at 10.15.

The inspector found the servants, all men, either gambling or smoking opium. This morning two faced Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy on a charge of being in servant quarters without the owner's permission and were fined \$3 each. The other nine had their bail of \$5 each estraited.

REJECTED.

LABOUR AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 5.

The Labour amendment to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne was rejected; the division resulting:—

Against 299
For 112

Majority 187

Prior to the division Mr. D. Lloyd George (Liberal, Carnarvon) criticised the amendment in a mild speech calling attention to the illogicality of the Socialist programme advocating the nationalisation of mining but not of agriculture.

SNOWDEN'S GESTURE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 5.

A feature of the debate was the speech made by Mr. Philip Snowden, in which the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer laid down the principles of land policy much akin to those which have been recently expounded by Mr. D. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader. It was noticed that Mr. Snowden kept turning to Mr. Lloyd George as if for endorsement, and that Mr. Lloyd George signified his agreement with emphatic nods. Later Mr. Lloyd George left his seat, and had a conversation with Mr. Snowden. There was much talk in the lobbies about this "gesture" by Mr. Snowden toward the Liberals and the ensuing conversation. Mr. Lloyd George, however, in the course of the further debate, declared that all that had happened was that "two intelligent and well-informed minds had approached the same problem with an earnest and honest desire to solve it on right lines."

ITALY'S DEBT.

CHAMBER RATIFIES THE SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, Feb. 5.

The Chamber has passed the bill ratifying the British-Italian debt settlement by 224 votes to one.

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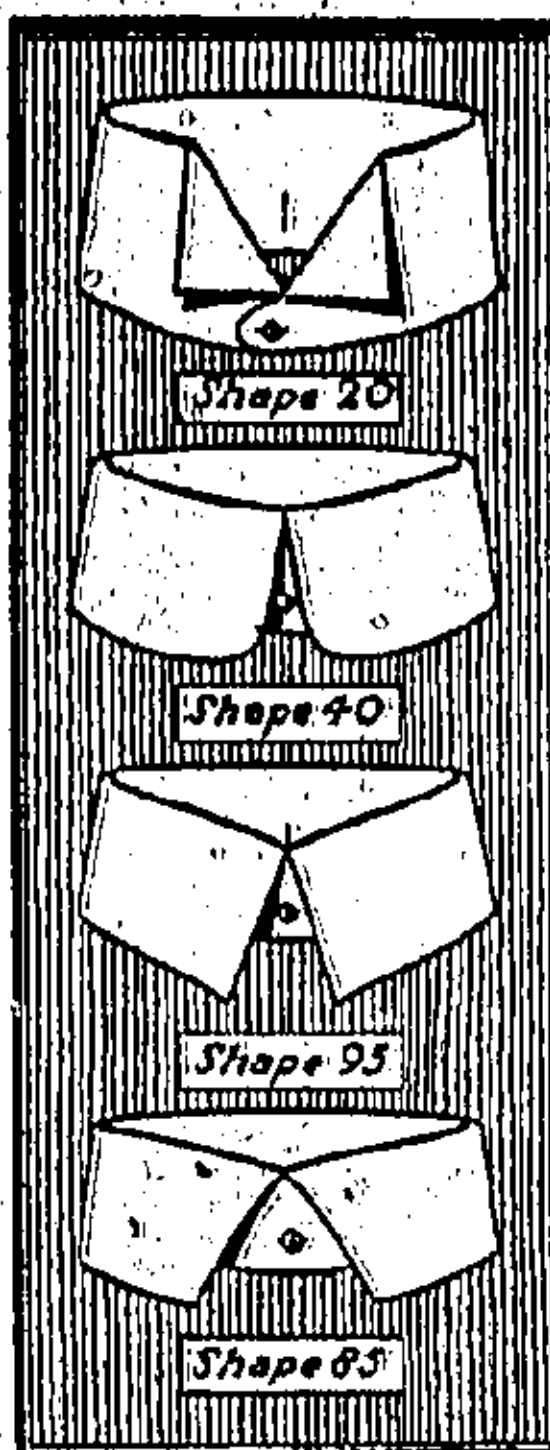
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RATEPAYERS MEET.

FOREIGNERS WHO LIVE IN CHINA.

A YEAR'S DIFFICULTIES.

Some very interesting observations are made in a report of the annual meeting of ratepayers of the Kulangsu Municipal Council, given below, especially where it is stated that business men cannot serve the public because of "strike" complications.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kulangsu (Amoy), Feb. 2. The annual general meeting of Kulangsu Ratepayers took place last Friday afternoon (January 29) at the Kulangsu Municipal Buildings. Speaking generally in his report on the work of the Council for the past year, the Chairman, Dr. E. J. Strick, said: The political unrest which has been so apparent throughout the whole of China during the past few months has affected, to a limited degree, the peaceful progression of the Settlement, and has made administration extremely difficult.

"Feelings have arisen, and it has been only by careful co-operation and mutual understanding with the Chinese authorities that a very serious situation has, up to the present, been averted."

"The loyalty of the majority of residents has greatly assisted the Council in what has been the most serious period in the annals of its history."

Relations With Chinese.

The sincerity of the efforts of the foreign ratepayers to bring about more cordial relations between them and the Chinese residing within the Settlement was clearly reflected in a resolution submitted by the Council and passed by a large majority. The Resolution is as follows:—

"Resolved: That the foreign ratepayers consider it desirable that the Chinese ratepayers have an adequate representation on the Municipal Council, and request the incoming Council to approach the proper authorities to bring about such change in the Land Regulations that this representation of Chinese on the Council may be effected."

Regulations Outgrown.

It should be mentioned that the Settlement has long since outgrown the original so-called "Land Regulations," issued about 1902, but under which Kulangsu is still governed. Various efforts have been made to get them changed. The matter has been before the authorities in Peking for several years, without any action whatever. How, again, the foreign ratepayers press the question, in faint hopes that Peking will hear, and make a real effort to find a remedy.

Twenty years ago Kulangsu was a barren island on which was a small Chinese village. Shortly after the Boxer uprising it became a place of residence for the two hundred or so foreigners residing in Amoy, and was made a foreign settlement similar to Shanghai. It still remains the place of residence for the approximately two hundred foreign residents of Amoy, but it has also become a haven of refuge for some fifty or sixty thousand Chinese.

In 1905 the revenue collected by the Municipal Council was \$23,229.79. Last year it was \$100,609.59, a more than four fold increase in twenty years. "Laws made to fit the conditions of twenty-five years ago are no longer adequate. They do not fit and much irritation is the inevitable result."

Election of Council.

A most interesting situation has arisen over the election of new Councilmen. A full Council consists of six foreigners and that number cannot be found in the Settlement, of those who are willing to serve. Due to former strikes against some of the business houses whose agents happened to be serving on the Municipal Council, these firms are now prohibiting their agents from assuming this service. Others refuse to serve because of difficulties connected therewith. As a result only three men were willing to serve on the Council this year. This number constitutes a quorum, so it was decided to "carry on" short-handed until others, willing to serve, can be secured. The three elected were Messrs. J. L. Bromfield, manager of Taik and Co., Dr. E. E. Stewart, dentist, and Dr. Kawaguchi, physician.

Well known as a breeder, and owner of thoroughbreds, Baroness Wentworth, tells the story of a Londoner, who emerged from a local railway station and hired a fly to drive him to the racetrack five miles away.

As the vehicle made rather slow progress, the traveller asked the driver if he thought they would arrive at the course in time for the 2 o'clock race. "I hope so, sir," replied the driver. "I want to give him (indicating the horse) a bit of a rest. He's running in the two-thirty."

PERSONAL ABUSE.

SINGAPORE PAPERS "LAURELS"

ARTICLES IN SIAM.

Singapore journalism must look to its laurels. Its proud claim to supremacy in personal abuse is being attacked by a low element in the Siamese Press, which has been so successful in this department of industry, that the attention of His Majesty the King of Siam has been called to it.

Where the offending Singapore journalist scores, is in the fact that he levels his abuse at His Excellency the Governor (observes the "Penang Gazette") whereas his rivals in Bangkok, and elsewhere in Siam, aim their shafts at a lower level and regale each other with fraternal compliments, which would put our old friends of the "Bangkok Gazette" and its rival in the shade.

His Majesty instructed H.E. the Minister of the Interior, to call a meeting of newspaper editors at Bangkok and explain to them the nature of their duties and responsibilities. In his letter of instruction, His Majesty referred to the general tone of the vernacular press of Siam. He particularly regretted the character of many articles published in the Siamese newspapers, which in no way tended to benefit the country, or the people, as they were published solely as personal attacks. His Majesty added that it was greatly to be regretted that in some instances those in charge of Siamese newspapers were lending themselves to a campaign of scurrilous invective.

The Editors of the vernacular newspapers, were assembled and told how they were transgressing the canons of good taste. Personal attacks, wholly divorced from policy, were always to be regretted. They were of no value; whatever they did, engendered a bitterness that was opposed to the public interest. The Minister, therefore, appealed to them to abandon scurrilous attacks on individuals, to confine themselves to principles and policies, and to raise the standard of the Siamese press.

Unfortunately, His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements, being himself the object of the personal abuse, by which certain Singapore journalists have disgraced themselves and brought shame upon their profession, cannot have them summoned and instructed in the canons of decent behaviour; but, if there is any sense of shame in them, they will take it to heart that native journalists, to whom they should set a good example have had to be lectured like a class of naughty schoolboys for imitating them in conduct unbecoming to journalists and gentlemen.

It is never too late to mend (concluded the "Gazette") and we hope that this object-lesson will not be lost upon our erring brethren of the Press of Malaya.

DEAN ASHAMED.

TOO MANY WOMEN IN CONGREGATION.

PREFERS MORE MEN.

Dean Inge, preaching at York Minster, said he felt a sense of shame when he found himself preaching a congregation, 75 per cent. of which consisted of women. "Any preacher worth his salt would infinitely prefer to preach to a congregation mainly consisting of men than to a mixed congregation," he said.

It was true, that women for the most part were more susceptible to religious appeal than men, and that made it in a sense easier for a clergyman to talk to them.

"But I confess," said Dean Inge, "that when I see before me an average congregation, containing 75 per cent. of women, I feel that there is something wrong in the state of things which produces this result."

"I have even a sense of shame that the ministers of the Church who are commissioned to preach so essentially manly a message as the Gospel, should have presented it in such a way as to repel the majority of men."

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AMOY'S EXAMPLE.

UNIVERSITY PRINCIPAL SPEAKS.

DR. LIM BOON-KENG.

Five years of remarkable work were summarised by Dr. Lim Boon-keng, Principal of Amoy University, in an interview with a "Straits Times" representative.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng is paying his first visit to Singapore since he gave up extensive business activities in Malaya in 1920 to take charge of the newly-founded University at Amoy, and the story he told of rapid constructive work—in short, of the creation of a modern, well-equipped centre of higher education in five years—is of particular interest.

Amoy University meets the need of a university in South China, at which the Chinese, while retaining their ancient culture, may attain a proper understanding of Europe. "My principle is to preserve everything that is good in Chinese culture, improve what is defective, amputate what is bad, and add to what is deficient," said Dr. Lim. "As for Western culture, we take what is best of it. Pure eclecticism is our principle, although we maintain the essential qualities and principles of the Chinese culture."

Asked whether such an institution, taking the best of all civilisations, was likely to produce a new Chinese culture, Dr. Lim said: "We maintain the old culture in a rejuvenated form. You cannot improve upon the ancient culture of China because it is based on the principle of producing the highest qualities of man. It is, mainly a moral culture and in a way it resembles the Nietzschean philosophy. Both aim at producing a super-man, but the Nietzsche type is based on a wrong idea of evolution; he is a super-animal, whereas the super-man of Confucius is like the Greek aristocrat—a man fit to rule and to serve mankind."

The curriculum at the university includes the comparative study of religion, philosophy, and sociology, and courses in art, science, history, commerce, engineering, law, politics, and medicine. "The university has no political bias," Dr. Lim added, "and it preaches religious toleration. One of its main objects is to bring about a common understanding with the nations intimately connected with China, and we have done much to help the Chinese to understand the British people. That is not an easy task, but we shall succeed in time, and I hope that the support of British people in China and all over the world will be accorded to the institution."



Oom the Omnipotent, otherwise, Florio A. Bernard, head of the esoteric Tantrik Cult of society told at Tarrytown, N.Y., will preside at the marriage of two of his followers who will be masked to hide their identity. The first marriage in the cult was that of Barbara Hatch, daughter of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, to Oom's lieutenant, W. Nichols.

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Erskine Gwynne.

Erskine Gwynne, of Paris, nephew of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, saw friends off at London on the "Mauritania," then went to sleep on the liner. When he awoke he was far out at sea. "Oh, hum," he said, "a little sunshine at Palm Beach will not hurt." So he is now on his way to Florida.

BANDITS' TORTURE.

SLOW-BURNING AN OLD MAN'S FEET.

FRENCH MASKED BURGLARS.

Memories of the famous bandits of the Somme, who years ago terrorised the country, have been revived by the feat of three masked burglars, who in mail week (says a Paris report) broke into an isolated house near Abbeville. The only inhabitant was an elderly man named M. Merchez, whose son is a lawyer.

The three men, who were armed, demanded that M. Merchez should show them where he hid his money, and when he said that there was nothing in the house, his money being at Abbeville, they tied his legs together and placed his bare feet before a blazing wood fire. He screamed with pain for an hour, before the bandits alarmed at the prospect of being overtaken by dawn pulled him roughly from in front of the fire and made off.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, February 12th, 1926, to TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors
F. H. CRAPNEL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4th, 1926.

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NOTICES.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central at 3.30 p.m. SATURDAY, February the 6th, 1926, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 30th January, to SATURDAY, 6th February, 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1926.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on THURSDAY, 11th March, 1926.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on MONDAY 1st March, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but it is hoped that intending Exhibitors will send in their Entries as Early as Possible.

Schedules are now being printed and will be posted at an Early Date. Members who have not yet paid their Subscription and All Those who wish to join the Society are kindly requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, February 3, 1926.

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"MADEONIA"	11,089	3rd May	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,008	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	18th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHYA"	9,135	26th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,904	3rd June	Marseilles & London
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"SHIRALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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Ship	Tons	From	To
"TANDA"	8,858	8th Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
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"TANDA"	8,858	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TALMA"	10,000	15th Feb.	Kobe
"KHYA"	9,135	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SHIRALA"	7,841	31st Feb.	Kobe
"MORRA"	10,911	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARAFURA"	9,000	16th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"TALMA"	10,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	9,155	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	9,067	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MADEONIA"	11,089	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	9,000	24th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,008	31st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHYA"	9,135	8th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	8,858	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	24th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,904	31st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARNATAKA"	9,089	8th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGPORE"	9,483	16th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MORRA"	10,911	24th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"TALMA"	10,000	8th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	9,155	16th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MADEONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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A method for the prevention of premature burial, is outlined by Dr. L. Vintras, consulting physician to the French Hospital, in a letter published in the "Lancet."
"The coffin," he suggests, should be made deep enough for the body, when in situ, to be an inch and a half to two inches below the level of the rim.
"A thick layer of sawdust should be spread at the bottom of the coffin, banking up towards the sides, and on this the lightly clothed body should be placed.
"Then, some twelve hours before the coffin is closed down, it should be filled carefully with sawdust up to the level of the rim, the face having been previously covered with a soft fabric.
"It must be seen to that the sawdust fills every interstice around the body, and that it is well and thoroughly pressed down. The coffin should be then left without a lid."
By this method, the doctor thinks that however slow the ebb of life, no human being could live for an hour, probably not for 15 minutes, without struggling for air, and thus being restored to the freedom of life.

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RESIDENT AT COURT.

The Cairo newspaper "El Mokattam" publishes details of the agreement stated to have been concluded between Britain and Ibn Saud, the Sultan of the Nejd, Arabia.
Ibn Saud, according to this paper, acknowledges Britain's sole right to represent the Nejd in other countries, including Syria. Britain will have a permanent Resident at Ibn Saud's Court.
Ibn Saud renounces the right to send a representative to London as he has no suitable candidate. He also asks for £200,000 for his army, which, the newspaper states, Britain will pay on the restoration of peace in the Hedjaz.
Ibn Saud, the chief of the Wahabis, an austere religious tribe of Bedouin, used to be paid £60,000 a year by the British Government on condition that he refrained from warlike activities. Recently he attacked the Hedjaz, seized the Mohammedan holy cities of Mecca and Medina, and drove King Hussein into exile.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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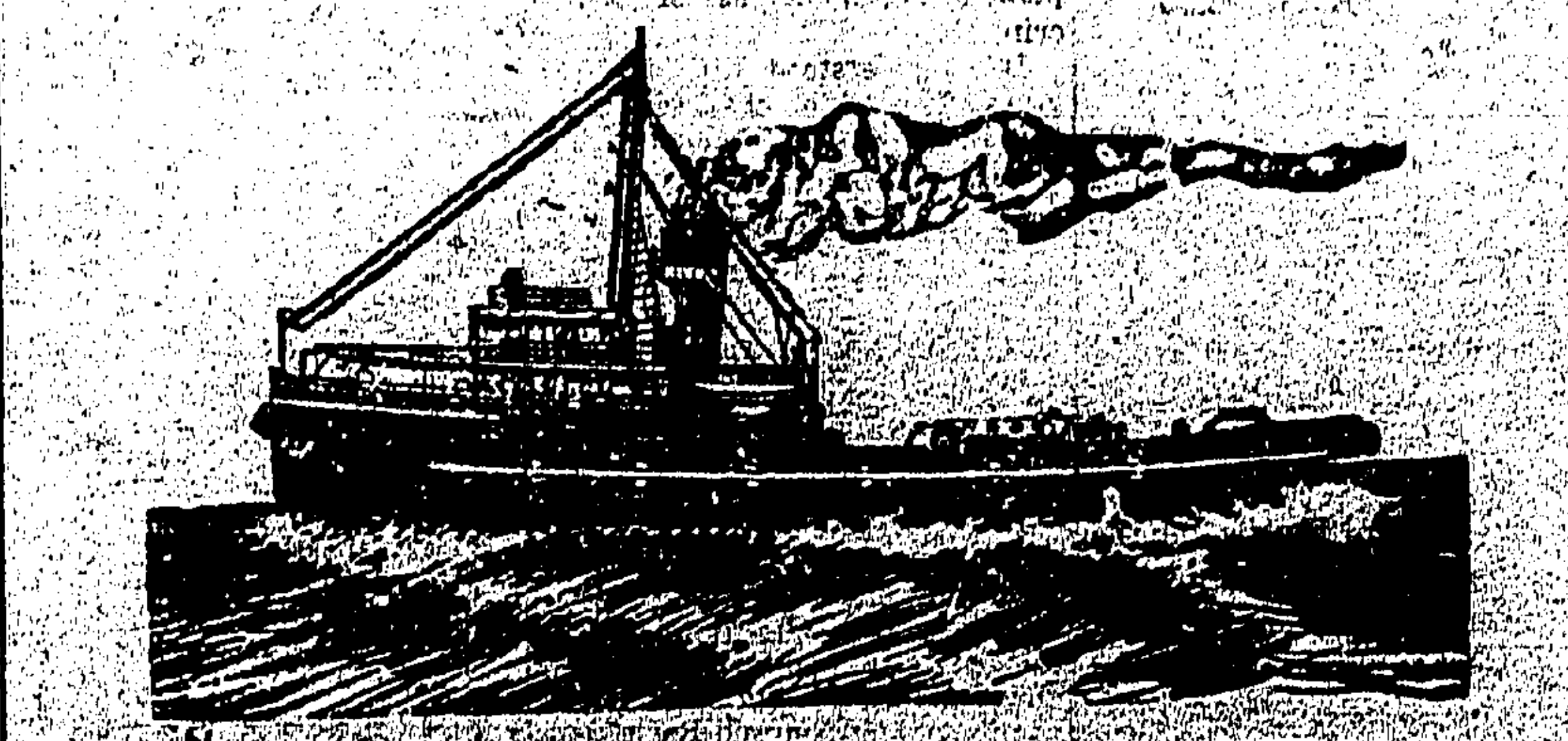
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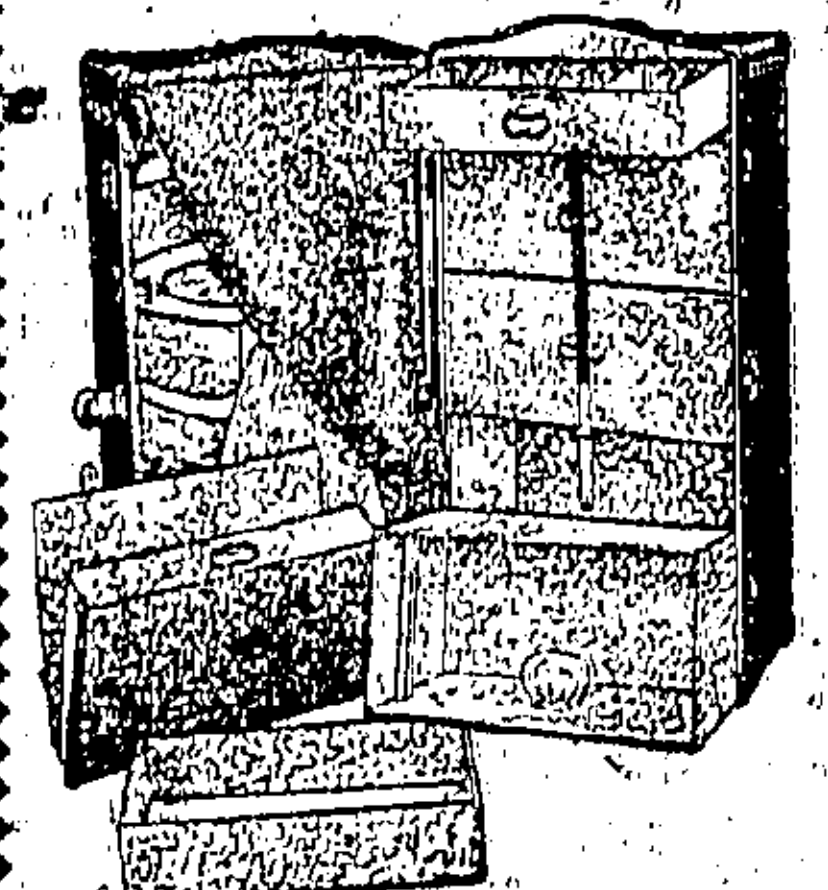


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MARRIAGE.

VINDERSLEV-JENSEN.

PARKER. — At the Peak Church, Hongkong, on February 5, Leo Vinderslev-Jensen, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Vinderslev-Jensen of Copenhagen, Denmark, to Phyllis Mabel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Arthur Parker of Seaton House, Acton Vale, London, and of Hongkong.

Hongkong, Saturday, February 6, 1926.

WHAT HONGKONG REQUIRES.

In the well-reasoned speech of His Excellency the Governor there is one important phrase that may be liable, in the numerous eulogies of his statement, to be overlooked: "Only the unlawful activities of the Canton Strike Committee, instigated by Bolshevist intrigue, prevent the resumption of normal relations between Hongkong and Canton on the old familiar footing. We expect and require the Canton Government to put an end to these illegalities." That statement is well worth emphasising. It is an echo of what the whole Colony has been saying for the last seven months. It is a true reflection of public opinion as reiterated in the columns of the local newspapers—the only outlet, save by the medium of public meetings, for the expression of the voice of the community.

"This nonsense must cease," said Sir Edward Stubbs at the very outset of the strike. "We expect and require the Canton Government to put an end to these illegalities," says Sir Cecil Clementi to-day. The Hongkong Government for its part is perfectly ready to negotiate a settlement, but it can obviously negotiate with none other than the Canton Government itself. The Hongkong Government has not the vestige of control over the Canton Strike Committee. That

body is working within the jurisdiction of the Canton Government; and if the latter cannot exercise its powers as a Government presumably friendly to this Colony, it is utterly unable to fulfil the requirement of the Hongkong Government that "these illegalities must cease." There can be no middle course. There can be no mediation between the Hongkong Government and the Canton Strike Committee. There can be no waste of words respecting a settlement with an organisation that has avowed its desire—at the instigation of the Bolshevists—if possible to ruin Hongkong. The first word and the last word must lie between the Hongkong Government on the one hand and with the Canton Government on the other hand. The sooner that fact sinks into the mind of the Canton Government the better it will be for all concerned.

The policy of the Hongkong Government has been determined. It "requires and expects the Canton Government to put an end to these illegalities." The next move lies with the Canton Government.

An opening for such a move seems likely to be presented to it on the initiative of the British Foreign Office. As the outcome of discussions between the Foreign Office and the China Committee—a new organisation formed in London at the end of January under the chairmanship of Lord Southborough—it is alleged that Sir Austen Chamberlain may send a Special Commissioner to South China to make a full report on the situation and attempt a settlement of the trade crisis. The appointment of a Special Commissioner, were such to be made, would only establish more firmly than ever the bona fides of the British to come to a fair and honourable settlement with the Canton Government. To-day Reuter denies the London newspaper report of the probable appointment of the Special Commissioner. Thus, again, let it be repeated, the next step lies with the Canton Government.

AN EXAMPLE.

It is not possible for many of us to found universities, or endow them, or even to direct their activities. One of these three things has been done by Dr. Lim Boon-keng and Hongkong at any rate should be particularly proud and interested in his achievement. The Cantonese, and the Chinese people generally, should also be not a little interested in one of their nation's. For here is an example of a Chinese working in the true field of "Imperialism" without losing an iota of his love for his country and his people—rejecting in the fact that he is a Chinese, and continuing in his

work among his own people for their moral and educational advancement. Dr. Lim Boon-keng gave up large business interests in the F.M.S. to devote himself to educational work and the glorious success at Amoy is the result. The Lighthouse description which he gave to our own University, may aptly be applied to the one which he directs. Dr. Lim's desire for his country is that it should become uplifted and thus help other countries. When the Chinese Republic came, it was natural that there should be many schools of thought. Communism was tried in China 2,000 years ago and proved a failure, the Doctor reminds us. "There were radicals and others all pulling in different directions, but it would not last, and he was confident the position would right itself." The opinions of such cultured Chinese must have great weight with those called upon to deal with the present chaos. Unfortunately not all those who have imbibed Western ideals and gained from Western education the best that it has to give are prepared to discuss dispassionately or in a spirit of forbearance, or to face facts as they should be faced. It needs honesty, no less than courage to do as Dr. Lim has done—to acknowledge the benefits of a Western education and to apply those benefits to his own country. The world loves honesty. It hates the subtleties of wordy arguments that obscures the real issues. Before it is too late those who see no shame and no sense of immorality in such a procedure, should consider what they are about. Let China "save face" by all means, but let the saving be done by means which will bring her honour and respect, and not those others for which she is deliberately asking.

A Still Tongue.

Sir Cecil Clementi's speech in the Legislative Council last Thursday has naturally been the chief topic of comment in the Colony among all classes. Public opinion has been unanimous in supporting His Excellency's views regarding the boycott, but there has been some diversity concerning his remarks about a possible new strike. This diversity, let us hasten to add, does not relate to the duty of standing by the authorities loyally and steadfastly should fresh trouble break out—the Governor's confidence in that respect is not misplaced—but simply as to whether the workmen will again leave their posts. The "China Mail" agrees with Sir Cecil Clementi that the prospects of another strike are remote—the workmen would have to be incredibly foolish before they went out again after all that has happened during the past eight months—but there is of course no absolute guarantee that they will not once more succumb to intimidation. Here it is that a word of warning is needed. The more the community talks about a possible strike and the more it gives the impression it is expecting one to begin any moment, the easier it makes the task of the agitators from Canton. Therefore nobody can be too circumspect during the next few months, and the policy of every loyal citizen should be to discredit idle rumour and abstain from repeating gossip which may possibly help to create an atmosphere helpful to the Colony's enemies.

BANK NOTES.

CIRCULATION IN JANUARY.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st January, 1926, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks	Average Amount	Specie in Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$15,529,977	\$3,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$4,108,253	45,000,000
Merchants Bank of India, Limited	\$1,585,229	\$50,000
Total	\$21,223,459	\$48,050,000

In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,189,500.
In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$3,105,000.
In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$380,000.

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SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Sir Basil Thomson tells a cracking story of the only man a crib who ever broke into that most sinister of prisons, Dartmoor. One night the alarm bell rang.

At last, skulking in a doorway, they found the negro, who had walked from London with the express intention of killing the Chief Warden. Next morning, under a bundle of hay in one of the farm sheds, they found a fat ewe dead and mangled. Her head had been smashed in with a "billet of wood, and a piece of flesh had been cut out of the shoulder and eaten raw. When brought before the Court, the negro admitted having killed the sheep, and declared that he had intended to set the prison on fire as well as settle accounts with the Chief Warden. What a story there is in that!

There used at one time Smoking to be a vogue in the writing of books on etiquette. Hongkong has had efforts thrust upon it in attempts to let our Chinese friends know what was expected of them when they graced the drawing-rooms of their foreign friends. There are curious books still in existence. Here is an extract from one of them published about 1800—on the subject of smoking.

One must never smoke, nor even ask to smoke, in the company of the fair. One must never smoke, again, in the streets; that is, in daylight. The deadly crime may be committed, like burglary, after dark but not before. One must never smoke in a public place, where ladies are, or might be, for instance, a flower-show or promenade. One must never smoke in a theatre, on a race-course nor in church. One must never smoke without consent, in the presence of a clergyman, and one must never offer a cigar, to an ecclesiastic over the rank of curate.

New York State How Many? leads the rest in the number of motor vehicles, having 1,500,000, or three-fourths as many as all Europe. California comes second with 1,444,000. Ohio third with 1,400,000. Pennsylvania fourth with 1,357,000 and Illinois fifth with 1,266,000. No other State has 1,000,000. In number of cars in proportion to population, however, California tops the list with one motor vehicle for every three persons. New York has one for every seven of its inhabitants. More striking than the number of cars is the number scrapped last year, which exceeded 1,000,000. Despite this reduction, motor vehicles are increasing at a rate which makes it only a question of time before the point will be, not how many persons there are per car but how many cars there are per person.

Here is a convict's Not Right complaint against the new anthropometric system of identification:

"This measuring of a bloke's head is what gets me. Let a warden come honest and straight-forward to my cell and look me over and say, 'Bill, I know you when you was Jack Taylor.' That's what I call recognition, this new business with the callipers is not right."

The following must be classed among definitions that admit of no doubt. Mr. Sidney Dark in his "Mainly About Other People" tells of a Tory member, still with us, who had married a rich wife and had hyphenated his name with hers. He was addressing the House on the question of unearned increment. "Mr. Speaker," he said, "I have been asking in vain for a definition of unearned increment. What is it?" At which an Irish member interjected: "The hyphen in your name." It was a perfect definition.

A lady writes the following to a London literary journal:

Not long ago I had a Midnight-an unusual experience, Companion and I wonder if any of your readers have had a similar one? It happened on my first night in the hotel that is up the hill above Penang.

I was in black darkness with the knowledge that some big animal was in the room. With the alert mind of the suddenly awakened I knew the size of the animal by the distance from the floor of its two gleaming eyes. I also knew that it was something from the jungle that had somehow strayed on to my balcony, and that it had got lost in my room and was waiting for the dawn to find its way out. But, being tired and longing for more of the delicious sound sleep of the East, I tucked in my mosquito curtains, and know nothing more until the movements of the animal again awakened me.

This happened three or four times, and when I finally awoke in broad daylight I was, of course, alone. The house boy told me that from the traces a musang, a species of wild cat, had been my companion.

There is a hangman. A Hanging in America who complains of plagues of slowness of work, so much so that he is unable to keep his daughters in comfort. Here is a note about an executioner, a barber as they all were in the old days.

A really dreadful little man, says the person telling the incident, like a Yorkshire terrier, and I caught him looking at my neck to see what drop I would take. He deplored the times we were living in. "It is not as if people like to come and be shaved when they know who I am, and how is a man to bring up two daughters respectable on ten jobs a year?"

DIARIES AND DISCRETION.

New York seems to have become much excited at the prospect of the publication of the full text of Charles Greville's journal. A dealer in manuscripts there has bought the written copy made for Henry Reeve, the editor, which contains a number of passages omitted in the printed text. Among these are to be found, we are told (says the London "Daily Telegraph") "many piquant references to Byron, Peel, the Duke of Wellington, Disraeli, Palmerston, and other important people. We shall continue to possess our souls in patience. It is true that the nineteenth century was desperately shocked when the first volumes of the journal came out. Disraeli was inspired to very hurried criticism: 'I have not seen Chas. Greville's book, but have read a good deal of it. It is a social outrage. And committed by one who was always talking of what he called 'perfect gentlemen.' I don't think he can figure now in that category. I knew him intimately. He was the vainest being—I don't limit myself to man—that ever existed, and I have read Cicero and was intimate with Lytton Bulwer. But Greville would swallow garbage, and required it' from all this the impartial mind would infer what is the fact, that Greville was far from kind to Disraeli. A more excited person was even more offended. Queen Victoria was horrified and indignant at this dreadful and really scandalous book."

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censured and discredited. The tone in which he speaks of Royalty is unlike anything which one sees in history, even of people hundreds of years ago, and is most reprehensible. Her Majesty wrote in her haste. Greville's book is not edifying, and no person of judgment would take his estimates of people and actions without corroboration. But he was not fairly treated in the old life.

For forty years he listened at the door.

And heard some secrets and invented more.
He meant to be honest, and he rather thought he was statesmanlike. People, even in those prim Victorian seventies, who read his journals for indiscretions and improprieties must have been dolefully disappointed. The book, of course, is an indispensable source of nineteenth century political history, but it is mighty dry. It has been highly commended for the bedside as a soporific. Not elsewhere is it to be read with refreshment. When Reeve brought out the second part forty years ago, he confessed to the omission "of some passages that may more fitly be published hereafter." Details which appeared to be of a strictly confidential character or which related to the "conversations" of living persons. He appealed to the precedents set by the first edition of Clarendon and Burnet, and St. Simon. The inference that he would have had no objection to the publication of the limited passages in 1925 is obvious. But we wait for them calmly. Only the amazing event itself shall convince us that any very sparkling scandal is coming out of Charles Greville's diary.

GURNEY GOLDSMITH.

THE SAILORS' FRIEND.
AN APPRECIATION.

There are few parts of the world in which the news of Gurney Goldsmith's passing away will not be received with sincere sorrow by members of the seafaring fraternity, and though there are now in Hongkong comparatively few of the seafaring fraternity, yet it would be a serious omission on our part were his death to be mentioned in a mere obituary notice without a more detailed account of his work on the China Coast.

Needless to say, when he landed in Hongkong in 1886, conditions were vastly different from their present state. Kowloon, for instance, was only just being thought of as more than a place for a few huts, and the harbour was still full of sailing ships, and Hongkong abounded with grogshops of infamous reputation, posing as hotels. The names of a few may bring back memories—"The Land We Live In," "The Rose, Thistle and Shamrock," "The Flag of All Nations," "The Grand," and the "New Travellers." Ships then lay in harbour for weeks and even months at a stretch, and such places as those mentioned thrived on the hard-earned pay of men before the mast. The Sailors' Home at West Point was the only place of refuge which catered for seamen with no other interest than their welfare, and St. Peter's was the seamen's church. This became at once the centre of Goldsmith's activities, and though before he left, he had built an Institute in Kowloon and launched the original "Dayspring" steam launch which is still plying in local waters under the name of "Lee Ping," he is best remembered in connection with that Church.

Many stories are still told about his uphill fight on behalf of the men in whose cause he had enlisted. An apprentice, with more money than brains, "jumped" his ship, and was warmly welcomed at the "Grand" by a number of various nationalities who promptly set about plucking the chicken. Goldsmith had already received letters from home asking about the lad, and ran his quarry to ground. He proceeded to take him home, but not without opposition. He was, however, surprisingly quick with his hands, and three of the "sailor boys" having measured their length on the bar floor, the apprentice was in due course sent safely on his homeward voyage. The opinion which the proprietors of these "hotels" held of Goldsmith may best be judged by the fact that they once organised a procession and burnt him in effigy in Happy Valley.

He also made a fight for less Sunday work on the harbour, and in this after a great struggle, he had a fair measure of success.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith left Hongkong for home in 1895, but it was not long before they were away again, this time to Australia, where, at Melbourne for some twenty years they carried on the great work in which they had been so successful here. About four years ago they left Melbourne and after a time at Bunbury and elsewhere, and a visit home, they passed through Hongkong on their way up to Kobe, to open up a "station" there. Mention has already been made of the result of their nine months' work there. When, for instance, the "Belgenland" arrived in this port, the members of her ship's company spoke most warmly of the welcome they had received in Japan.

Representatives of the crews of the "Delta" and "Malwa" acted as pall-bearers when Gurney Goldsmith was laid to rest. Sudden though the end was, yet surely he himself would hardly have chosen any other close to such a life as his than to pass away "in harness," in the service of Him Whom he had so faithfully obeyed working for the men of the sea.

It may be of interest to many to know what plans have been made for the immediate future of the Kobe Missions to Seamen. Mrs. Goldsmith writes:—"At present I am staying on in the Quarters (at 110, Higashi-Machi) and have a friend with me. We must on no account let the Mission down, and the Kobe people are quite prepared to 'do their bit.' Will you let the men know how things are? The Committee men are taking turns to come and help and several ladies have promised me all assistance. Perhaps you would tell the men that my husband is no longer here to go on board and invite them."

The current issue of the "Government Gazette" gives particulars of rules made by the Registrar of Patents and approved by the Legislative Council, with scale of fees payable to Registrar.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN LOCAL FIGURE.
PASSING OF MR. KYNOC.

By the death yesterday of Mr. James Henry Kynoch, Kowloon loses one who was closely identified with its social life and many on both sides of the harbour a friend they will miss in many ways. Mr. Kynoch was known to be seriously ill when he went to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday but the news that death had taken place following an operation for gastric ulcer came as a shock to his many friends.

Mr. Kynoch had been connected with the Public Works Department for 18 years, having before that time worked in the U.S.A. and held a responsible position in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal. He is a native of Edinburgh.

At the time of his death deceased was Senior Inspector of Works and his work for some years past had been particularly connected with the supervision of H.B.M. Government property in Canton. He was 44 years of age and is survived by his mother in Scotland, his wife, young daughter and brother, the latter of whom are in the Colony. The sympathy of all who realise the great loss they have sustained will go out to them.

St. Andrew's Society loses one of its most valued members in Mr. Kynoch and the Kowloon Cricket Club an enthusiastic supporter and useful player. The new Kowloon Golf Club, too, had much to thank Mr. Kynoch for he was one of the original promoters of the scheme of laying out the course at Kowloon City. As a bowls player of no mean ability he was a well known figure at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

As a member of the committee of Union Church, Kowloon, Mr. Kynoch rendered valuable aid in connection with the choice of site and the erection of the present structure. He was keenly interested in the work of Freemasonry, although he was not attached to any local Lodge. A considerable period of service with the Hongkong Volunteer was also to Mr. Kynoch's credit.

The funeral will take place this afternoon the cortege passing the monument at 5 p.m.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended Thursday last shows one Chinese case of small pox.

Headquarters' offices will be closed on Saturday next and Monday, February 15, on account of Chinese New Year.

A Confirmation Service is to be conducted by the Bishop of Victoria on Sunday, February 28, at the Evening Service at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 16, 1926, amounted to 70,076 tons, and the sales during the period to 67,942 tons.

There is to be a Corps parade of all units of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with the exception of the reserves at Headquarters at 4.30 p.m. today in drill order, helmets, short and puttees. It is stated that the Volunteers will carry out a march through the western end of the city and a party of Marines in the eastern end.

Dr. J. H. Sanders, of the Matilda Hospital has gone on a short holiday to Shanghai.

Mr. A. Buekborough, Mr. R. E. Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Henderson were among those who left by the "Empress of Russia" yesterday.

Passengers arriving yesterday by s.s. "Malwa" from the north included Mrs. N. M. Ede and Lady Turner. The latter continues her journey to London.

Judge and Mrs. Milton D. Purdy, Judge Charles Mickleward and Mr. P. M. Hodgson are passengers in the "President Pier" which left yesterday for Manila.

Among passengers departing for home today by s.s. "Malwa" are Mr. J. Murray of the Government Medical Department, Lt. Commr. Conway Hale, Assistant Harbour Master, Mr. C. H. P. Hay late of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Handyside.

CANTON CRISIS.

WILL THE FOREIGN OFFICE MOVE?
REPORT AND DENIAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 4.

As the outcome of discussions between the Foreign Office and the China Committee, it is probable, according to the "Morning Post," that Sir Austen Chamberlain will send a Special Commissioner to South China to make a full report on the situation and attempt a settlement of the trade crisis.

The newspaper says that a suggestion to send gunboats to Canton was rejected on the ground that North China is now quiet, and such a procedure might complicate the situation there and renew hostilities.

Report Denied.

London, Feb. 5.

Reuter learns that there is no truth in the report that the Government contemplates the sending of a Special Commissioner to South China with the object of re-establishing the situation as regards British trade in South China.

[Reuter cabled on January 30:—A Committee has been formed, under the chairmanship of Lord Southborough, styled "The China Committee," for the purpose of watching the political situation in the Far East and to make representations to the Government as occasion demands. Lord Southborough has written to Sir Austen Chamberlain offering his services in an advisory capacity or otherwise. Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying, welcomes the appointment of an influential committee, and promises gladly to avail himself of the offer of co-operation and invites practical constructive schemes which "the wide experience embodied in the committee may from time to time suggest for the relief of the present serious situation." The personnel of the Committee comprises Mr. David Laidlaw and Mr. Warren Swire, representing the China Association, Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen, and Colonel Armstrong of the Federation of British Industries.

Messrs. Anderson and Dowdell of the London Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Richard Holt of the Chamber of Shipping, Sir Newton Stubb, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mr. L. N. Leefe and Sir George Macdonough of the China Advisory Committee, Sir Robert Waley Cohen, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, and Major W. S. Nathan, of the Peking Syndicate.]

CHINA'S TARIFFS.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE CONFERENCE.
(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Feb. 5.

An optimistic view of the China Tariff Conference prospects was expressed by Mr. C. T. Wang, in an interview with foreign journalists at the Waichiaopu this morning.

He pointed out that China originally urged the necessity of securing \$100,000,000 through surtaxes. All the delegations had now practically agreed on a sum of approximately \$90,000,000 except the Japanese who, however, had steadily advanced from \$34,000,000 (the amount raisable by the Washington surtaxes) to the vicinity of \$70,000,000.

Mr. Wang declared that at present there were encouraging indications that the Japanese Government would accede to the Chinese Government's wishes. If so, this would be a great step forward; and the successful termination of the Conference "was in sight—as once the total amount raisable through surtaxes was settled the question of specific rates, etc., was easily solvable.

Referring to the proposed reciprocal treaty with Japan, Mr. Wang stated that discussions had not yet begun. China was prepared to discuss with any country the question of rates, which, for economic reasons, would require reciprocal treatment.

With regard to the question of unsecured debts, Mr. Wang emphatically declared that any consolidation plan must preclude the possibility of a further deficit occurring. He believed that this consideration had won over the delegations to the idea that raising a larger sum was essential.

He did not think that the Conference would go into the debt question which would be handled by Dr. W. W. Yen, as head of the Financial Readjustment Commission, and by the creditors. However, the Conference would mark a certain proportion of the amount raised by surtaxes, for the consideration of unsecured debts.

DONE TO DEATH.

SOVIET COURIER ATTACKED IN TRAIN.
ASSAILANTS' SUICIDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Riga, Feb. 5.

A Soviet courier, travelling on the Moscow-Riga train, was killed in Latvian territory by two men who gained access to the compartment and attempted to seize his baggage. The alarm was given and the train guards hurried to the compartment and engaged in a fusillade with the assailants, who committed suicide.

Revolver Duel.

Riga, later.

When the train was sixteen miles from Riga three desperadoes at six o'clock in the morning descended to the sleeping car, where the Italian and Latvian couriers and others were asleep. The Russian couriers, Nette and Machmanstak, were dressing and engaged in a revolver duel with the robbers.

The conductor, on hearing the shots, arrived and found Nette and his two assailants dead. Machmanstak was not seriously wounded in the stomach. The Latvian Deputy Foreign Minister has personally apologised to the Soviet Minister. The latter protested against the inadequate protection of couriers, and reserved the right to demand further satisfaction.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

LABOUR BILL FOR CONTROL INTRODUCED.
PASSAGE UNLIKELY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 5.

Amid cheers from the Labour Party a Bill, introduced by Mr. J. Maxton (Labour, Bridgetown, Glasgow), providing for the national acquisition and control of the Bank of England, was read a first time in the House of Commons.

Bill Opposed.

London, Feb. 5.

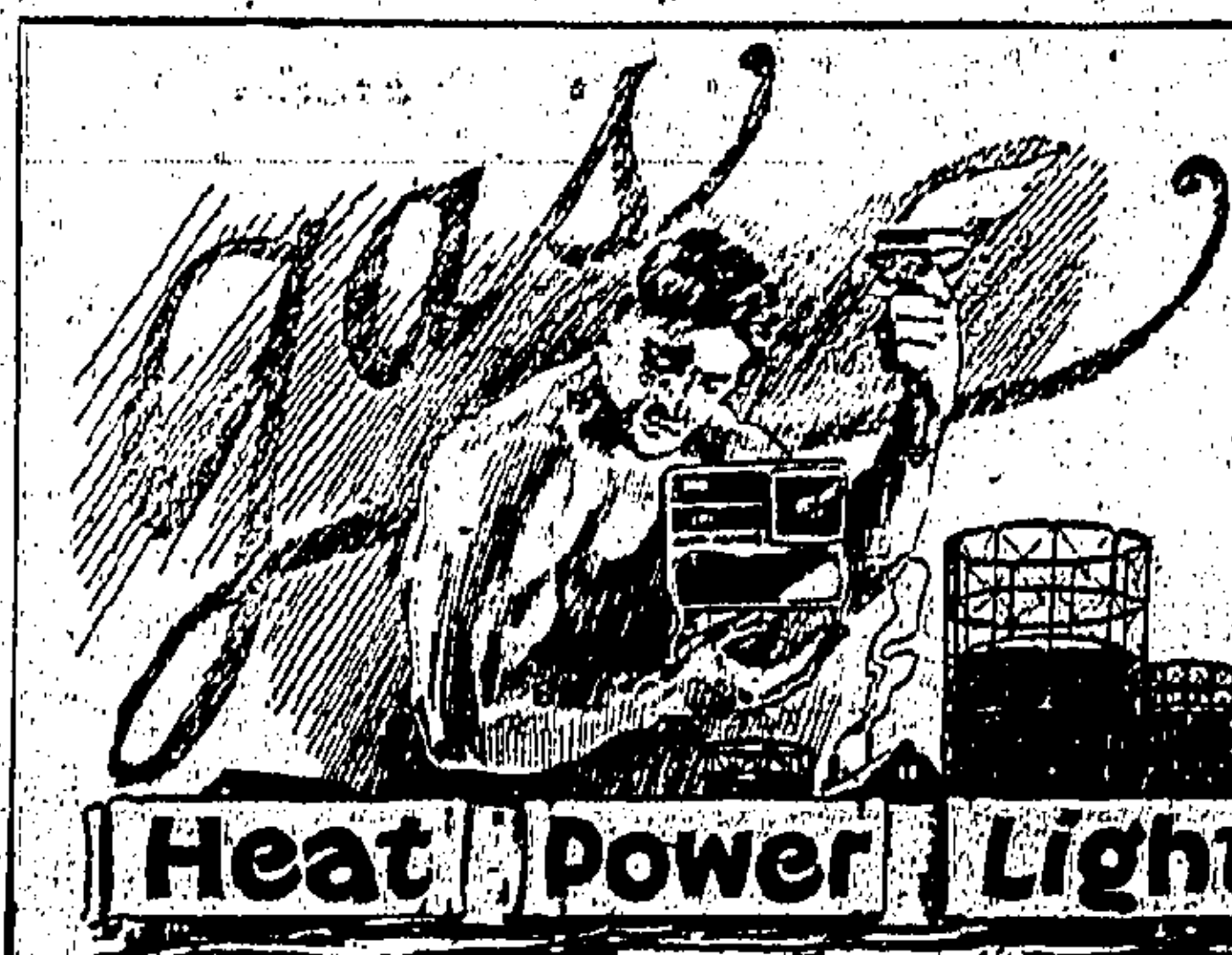
Mr. D. Lloyd-George (Liberal, Carmarvon) expressed disapproval of the Bill, declaring that the present English banking system was fundamentally the soundest in the whole world. It was a very great achievement that, although the United States held a tremendous amount of gold and gigantic prosperity, whilst we owed eight milliards sterling, we were still supreme in the international money markets of the world.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

TO-MORROW'S FINE ATTRACTION.

Sunday's programme at 9.15 p.m. at the Queen's Theatre will include a short piano recital by Mr. Harry Ora. He has selected the following pieces for his programme:—

1. "Moonlight" — Sonata by Beethoven.
2. Two Gavottes from Olden Times: (a) Gavotte Bach. (b) Gavotte Gluck.
3. Prelude in C sharp minor: Rachmaninoff.
4. Etude on a Chinese Air: Arensky.



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RUBBER PROFITS.

FIGURES CONFOUND THE AMERICAN CRITICS.
(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 4.

In view of the rubber manufacturers' outcry against British rubber restrictions, comment is aroused at the prosperity of the manufacturers—as revealed in the report of the Goodyear Company. This shows a net profit of \$21,000,000, compared with \$12,000,000 in 1924, whilst the special Raw Material Reserve Fund has been increased from \$3,000,000 to \$7,500,000 to protect the Company against possible abrupt shrinkage of rubber values.

Chamber Tyres.

New York, Feb. 5.

Following the announcement by the United States Rubber Company of a 10 per cent. reduction in the prices of motor-car tyres, the Firestone Company has made a similar reduction.

Observers on the rubber market estimate that January's imports of crude rubber will be 8,000 tons in excess of requirements.

DISARMAMENT.

BRITAIN AND PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE.
(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 5.

Questioned in Parliament, regarding the reason for the proposed postponement of the preliminary Disarmament Conference, at Geneva, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that definite notice of postponement had not yet been received by the British Government, but it was probably only a matter of days before it would come to hand in view of the request put forward by a number of Governments who were members of the Council of the League.

In reply to an enquiry from the Secretary-General of the League, the British Government had intimated that, in view of the general desire for postponement, it did not propose to raise objections. As regards the reason for postponement, he (Mr. Locker-Lampson) could not speak with authority; but he believed it to be the wish that Germany should take part in the Conference as a member of the League and that by a short delay the participation of Russia might be the reward.

EMPIRE FAMILY.

ARRANGING FOR THE NEXT CONFERENCE.
(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 5.

Referring to correspondence with the Governments of the Dominions and the Imperial Government on the question of a suitable date for the Imperial Conference, the Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) stated in Parliament last night that he hoped to make an announcement shortly.

He recalled that on the occasion of the signing of the Locarno Treaty the Foreign Minister expressed the hope that the Conference might not be too long delayed. This was also the view of Government.

If the communications now proceeding resulted in a Conference being held, the Imperial Economic Conference would take place at the same time.

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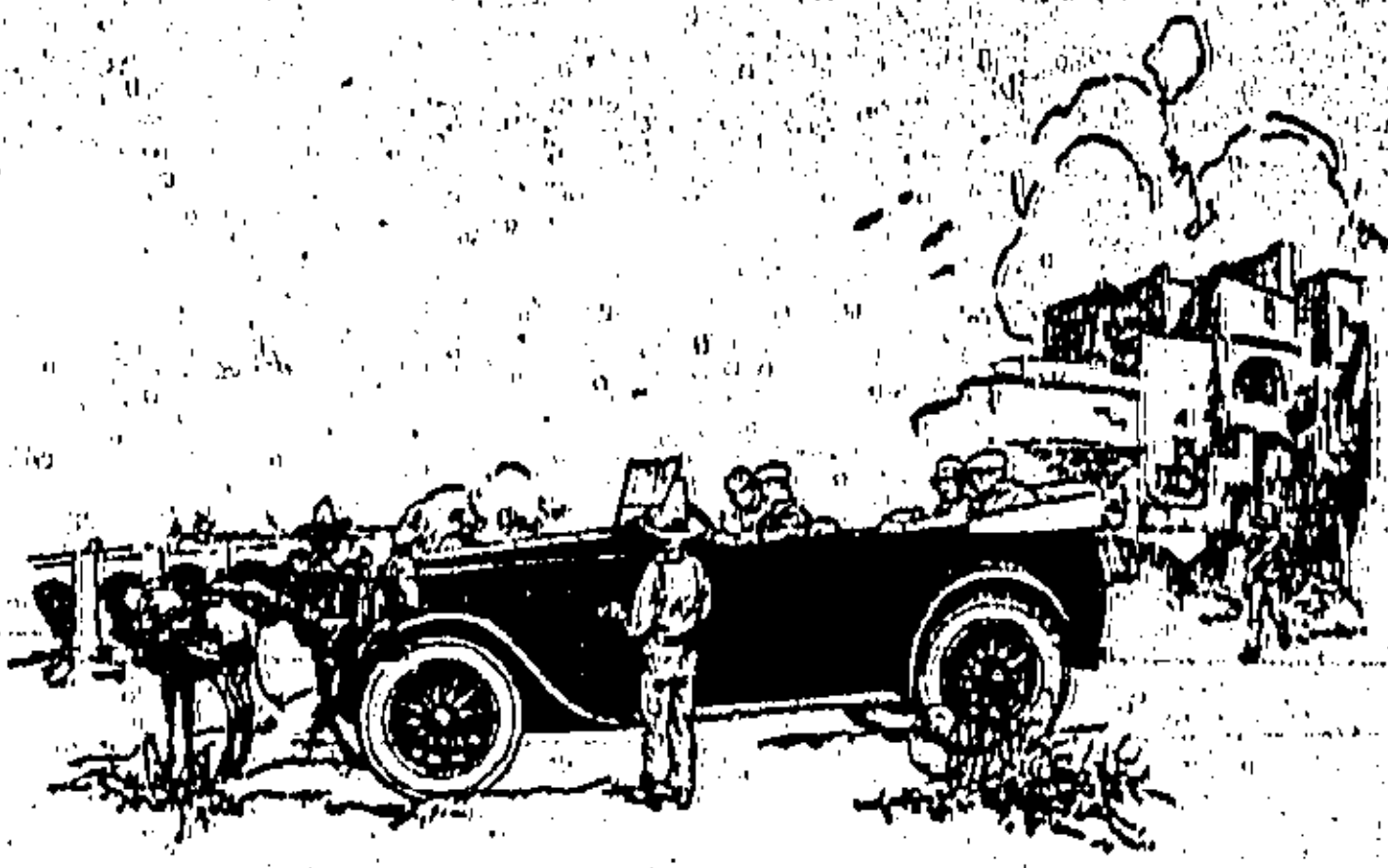
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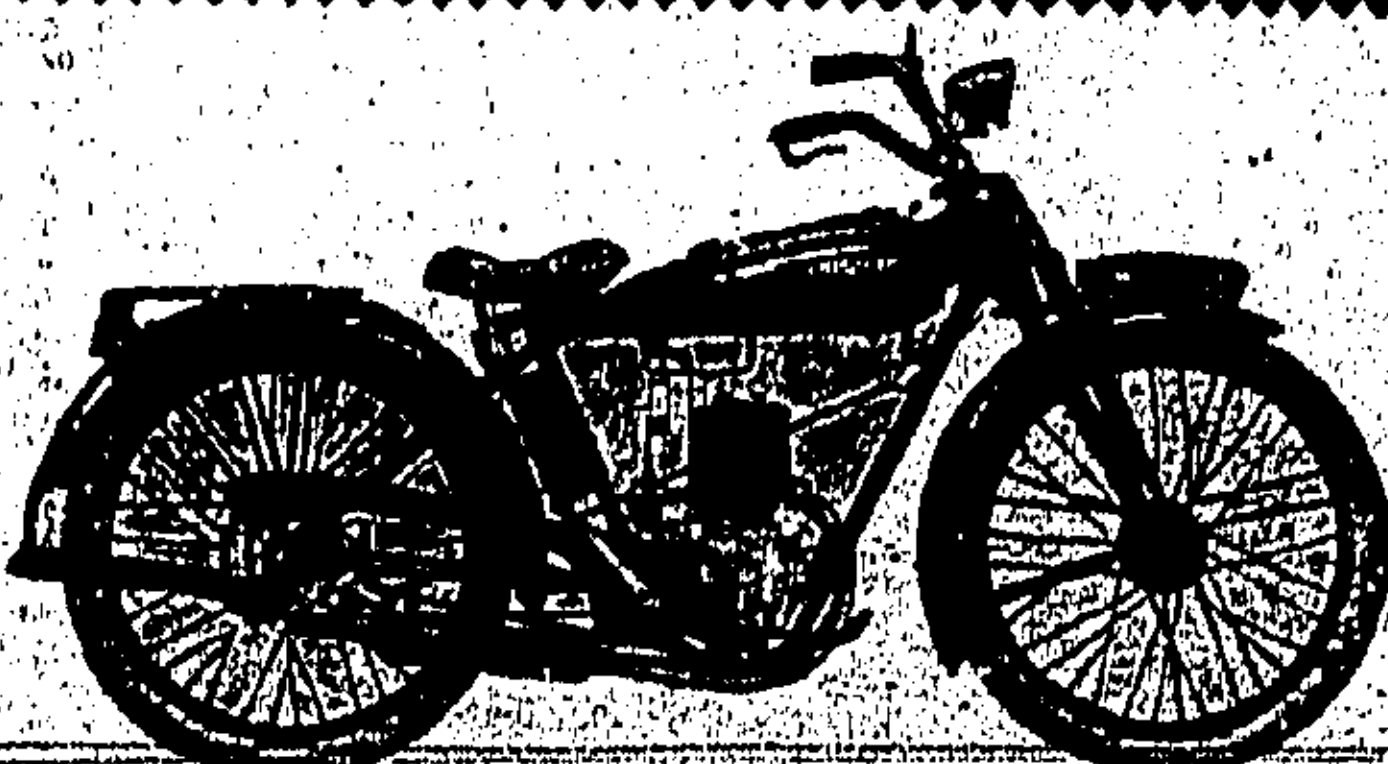
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"Clergy should be forbidden
to play chess, lest they be tempted
to think that bishops can only
move diagonally, never straight."
—The vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston
Hill, in his parish magazine.

From an informative article in
"Nipples," the organ of thousands
of Lyons waitresses, one gleams
the pleasant news that 450
"Nipples" were married last year,
an increase on last year's total.
Of the 450 brides, 280 have remain-
ed with the firm after their mar-
riage.

"Hamlet," in modern costume
has been such a success in England
that "Faust" is to be tried next.
Mephistopheles will be seen in
a dinner jacket. "Faust" in
twentieth century attire was pre-
sented during the Christmas holi-
days by the Birmingham Grand
Opera Society, which has an active
membership of 200. Modifications
were made in the plot to fit the
cast and occasion.

Members of the staffs of many
Stock Exchange firms at Home,
from the junior office boy to the
manager, received handsome
Christmas bonuses. The sum
disbursed in this way will run
into tens of thousands of pounds.
The recent rubber "boom" is main-
ly responsible for the welcome dis-
tribution. Anyway, the staffs have
had a very strenuous time and have
thoroughly earned what has come
to them.

The Shanghai Tug and Lighter
Co.'s salvage and rescue craft
"Saucy" left Shanghai on January
28 for Thunder Head, near Swatow,
where the China Merchants s.s.
"Feiching," which went aground
on January 10, is still firmly
ashore. The "Saucy" will attempt
to salvage the "Feiching," which
is stated to be in a very exposed
position, broadside on to the beach,
and with her bottom in the vicinity
of the engine-room and stoke-hold
more or less badly damaged.

Total ages of 88 old people at
an old folks' dinner at St. Leonards
was 5,023 years.

Londonerry's pajama indus-
try is booming, but the night-
gown manufacturers are in de-
spair because of woman's grow-
ing fondness for the bifurcated
sleeping garment. Another effect
of fashion's fickleness is seen in
the closing of a Londonerry
corset factory, throwing 200 girls
out of employment.

Jewels sold at Messrs.
Christie's, St. James's-square, S.W.,
realised \$29,329, two pearl ropes
alone—one of 191 and the other of
123 graduated pearls—fetching
\$4,000 each. After being idle for
four years, the Cambrian Patent
Fuel works at Swansea has re-
started on a 40,000-ton contract
of pitch ovoids, for the United
States, which will keep the men
employed for six months.

The first international meet-
ing and convention of radio en-
gineers was held in New York,
January 18 and 19, under the
auspices of the Institute of Radio
Engineers. Invitations were sent
to all members. These included
Giulio Marconi, Michael Pupin,
George O. Squire, Lee De Forest,
Thomas A. Edison, David Sarnoff,
Ellery Stone, Louis A. Hazeltine
and Edwin H. Armstrong.

Somebody writing from the
Metropolitan Opera, New York,
made a slip which brought the
writer to the attention of the
French Press. The leader of the
municipal theatre at Strasbourg,
where both the leader and his
orchestra are French, has made
public the address on the envelope
of a letter received from the
Metropolitan, reading:—
"Der Herr Kapellmeister,
Theatre Municipal,
"Strasbourg."
"Germany."

French papers point out that,
between 1914 and 1918, something
happened that might have made
even those wrapped up in music
realize Strasbourg is no longer in
Germany.

Paris public schools, shortly
may have bathrooms. In 1892, a
French Deputy asked that each
Government school have a wash-
room, but as there were more
than 25,000 public schools in the
country, the motion was pigeon-
holed. Now the suggestion is
again being made, but for Paris
only, and the chances are it will
succeed.

Married women make bet-
ter teachers than men or single
women, according to Director
Bewley of the Manila Bureau of
Education, who declares they
have more patience, and more
knowledge of child character. It
has been reported that in the
provinces of Laguna and
Pangasinan married women are
not allowed to teach in public
schools. The Bureau of Educa-
tion has never issued any orders
to this effect.

Sightseeing tours of the
Bavarian mountains and forests
are being continued through the
winter in specially constructed
heated limousine airplanes of
the Junker all-metal type. Four
airplane tourist services have
been established by the Trans-
Europa Union of Munich. The
trips range from a 15-minute
flight over the city and suburbs
to a two-hour trip encircling the
Zugspitze, the highest peak of the
Bavarian Alps. Travellers going
up do not have to dress any more
warmly than they do for the
street.

The Nauen Broadcasting
Station reports that the French
Minister of Education has sub-
mitted to the Chamber of
Deputies a project, already ap-
proved by the Cabinet, establish-
ing obligatory school attendance
for all children up to the age of
thirteen. When submitting the
plan the Minister stated that 20
per cent. of the French troops
were illiterate. The Statesman's
Year Book states that a law of
March 28, 1882, made it obligatory
for all children to attend school
from 6 to 13 years of age.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Rose Quong, who is to
appear at the London Palladium,
recently gave a recital on the
wireless of gems from Chinese
literature.

The marriage of Miss Harriet C.
Handy, formerly of Raffles Girls'
School, and sister of Messrs. J. T.
N. and A. M. Handy, of Singapore,
with Mr. David S. Sanders, lecturer
at Jaffna College, Vadukoddai,
Ceylon, has taken place at Jaffna.

The "Straits Echo" records the
death, which took place in England
of Mrs. Thornton, the wife of Mr.
Maxwell Thornton, formerly a
partner in the legal firm, of
Wrexford and Thornton, Penang,
who some years ago for a short time
represented Penang in the Legisla-
tive Council and afterwards be-
came Liberal M.P. for Tavistock.

Under "Forthcoming Marriages"
in the "Times" appears the follow-
ing announcement:—

John Hayes Lord, United States
Foreign Service, youngest son of
the late Arthur Lord and of Mrs.
Lord, Plymouth, Massachusetts,
U.S.A., and Marjorie, youngest
daughter of the late Lord and Lady
Robert Brudenell-Bruce.

Mr. Lord was Vice-Consul at
Singapore until a few months ago
and is now in charge at Funchal,
Madeira.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas
Hemsey, manager in Kuala
Lumpur, for Messrs. S. Montre-
and Co., Ltd., and Miss Mabel
Ellen Kelly, is to take place at
all Saints' Church, Taiping,
to-day. A reception will be
held at the Perak Club. A few
days later the bride and bride-
groom will leave for Tientsin,
where Mr. Hemsey will assume
charge of his firm's branch. He
will be much missed especially as
a pianist whose services have been
in great demand, and always will-
ingly given.

The death is recorded with re-
gret of Mr. John Walker Bolles,
who died at Wilmington, North
Carolina, U.S.A., on February 4.
The late Mr. Bolles was General
Manager of the Standard Oil Com-
pany of New York in Hongkong
for many years. He retired and
went home in 1916. During his
residence here he made many
friends who will regret to learn
of his death. He was very well-
known and highly respected by all
who came in contact with him. His
wife, a widow, died at home
some years ago.

At a memorial service for Mr.
Henry Stainsby, late secretary-
general, National Institute for
the Blind, at the Holy Trinity
Church, Marylebone, blind mem-
bers of the audience were pro-
vided with Braille copies of the
hymns and prayers.

The Chinese Minister to the
United States, Mr. Alfred So, was
the guest of honour of the China
Society of America at its twelfth
annual dinner at the Waldorf
Astoria Hotel recently. Besides
an address by Mr. So, Mr. Burton
Holmes gave a talk on China
illustrated with motion pictures.

A two-years-old child fell into
the River Wey at Farnham, and
was in danger of drowning when
Mrs. Alan Bateman jumped fully
dressed into the river and caught
hold of the child. The river was
in flood, and Mrs. Bateman was
carried away by the swirling
waters. She was rescued with
difficulty by means of a rope
thrown to her by a man on the
bank.



Mr. Douglas Gray, of the British
Legation in Peking, is retiring
from official life after a service of
twenty years. Within the past two
decades, says a Peking correspon-
dent, there has not been one im-
portant medical event in China
with which his name has not been
connected in some way or other.
Among his most outstanding ser-
vices to the country is the re-
organization of the National
Epidemic Prevention Bureau.
To mark the occasion of his retire-
ment a huge stone tablet is placed
in the grounds of the Bureau, on
which is engraved, in Chinese, a
flowing tribute to his work.

Mr. F. J. Morton, Malayan Civil
Service, has been appointed Clerk
of Councils.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Montor have
returned to Singapore after a trip
round the world, during which
they visited Europe and America.
Mr. Montor has been away eleven
months and Mrs. Montor consid-
erably longer.

A deputation of ex-officers,
N.C.O.'s, and men, blinded in the
war, headed by Captain Ian Fraser,
C.B.E., M.P., chairman of St.
Dunstan's, visited the grave of Sir
Arthur Pearson, the founder of St.
Dunstan's, on the anniversary
of his death. A floral emblem, 6 ft.
high, in the form of St. Dunstan's
badge, was placed on the tomb.

Marshal Joffre has admitted that
he has written his memoirs of the
World War, but says that the time
has not yet come to publish them.
"I am still in active service," he
explains, alluding to the fact that
there is no retiring age for
Marshals of France, who therefore
are subject technically during their
lifetime to the regulations which
forbid army officers in active ser-
vice to publish anything connect-
ed with army matters.

His admiration for the beasts
overcoming his discretion, Count
Guy de Mathars approached too
near a cage of lions in the lobby
of the Paris Circus. One of the
animals shot out his paw, caught
the nobleman's arm and drew him
alongside the bars of the cage.
The lion mauled the Count, tear-
ing off most of his scalp and un-
doubtedly would have crushed his
skull if the screams of the
Countess had not brought attend-
ants who drove him away with
poles. The Count's condition is
serious, but he probably will re-
cover.

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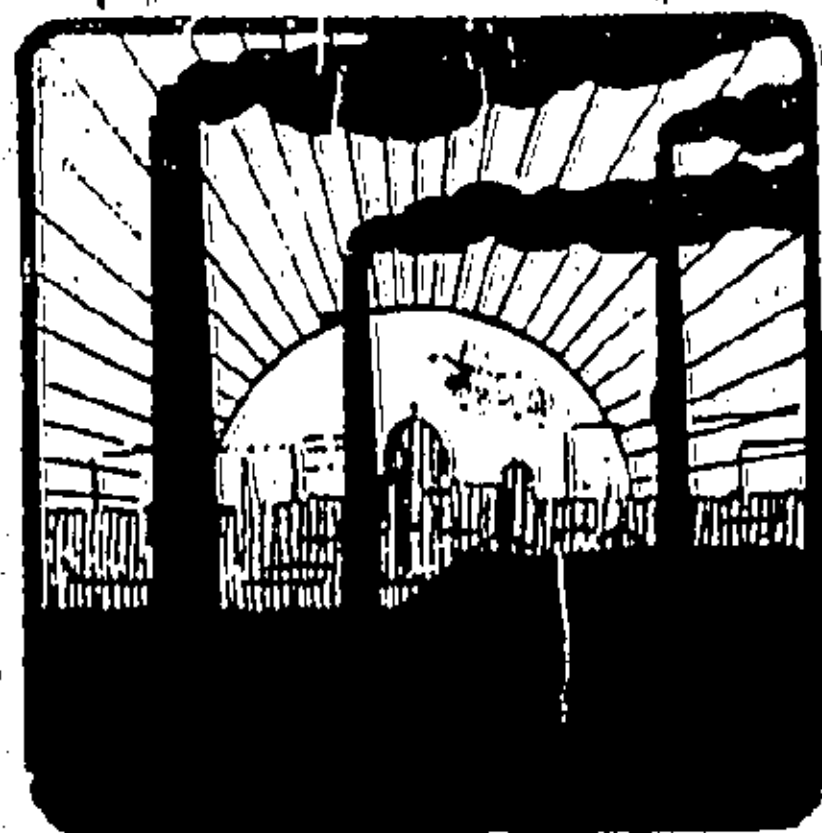
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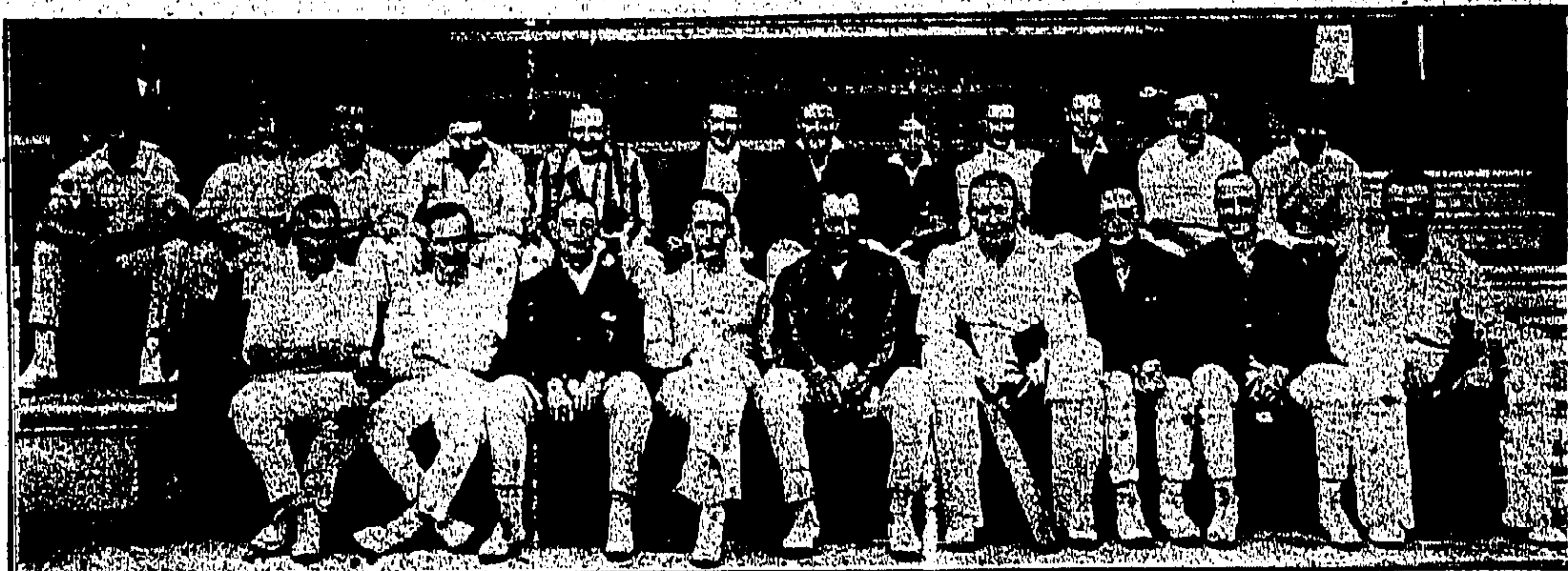


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Those who took part last Saturday in the representative cricket trial on the H.K.C.C. grounds—left to right (front row): F. Goodwin, Capt. Warters, E. B. Ridd, G. K. Sayon, R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, Capt. Lake, A. W. Hayward, C.Q.M.S. Stripp; (back row): H. V. Parker, Lt. Halsey, Mid. Stephenson, J. C. Lyal, Capt. Morris, Capt. Bridgland, A. C. I. Bowker, S. A. Ismail, A. W. Ramsay, E. F. Stewart, E. C. Fincher, A. A. Rumjahn.

KOWLOON "MOCK" TRIAL.



Above is a flashlight photo of the "mock" trial play that was staged Friday before last at the St. Andrew's Church Hall by the members of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club (Kowloon). The names of the leading performers (from left to right) seated on the front row are as follow:—J. H. Bannister (Police-Constable), Frank N. W. Doodhia (defendant), Chas. Wong (counsel for defence), P. Sands (Judge), Roy. G. E. Arrowsmith (counsel for prosecution) and Mrs. M. K. Vesunna and R. Nicholls (witnesses).

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



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Group taken last Saturday, outside St. John's Cathedral, after the wedding of Miss Gladys Brock and Mr. Victor H. W. Chittenden. Left to right:—Mr. J. J. Brock, Miss Vivian Hollidge, the bride, the bridegroom, Miss H. Sully, Miss D. Spanton, Mr. R. R. Davies (best man).



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H.R.H. Prince George, "snapped" while taking part in the polo gymkhana at Causeway Bay last Saturday.

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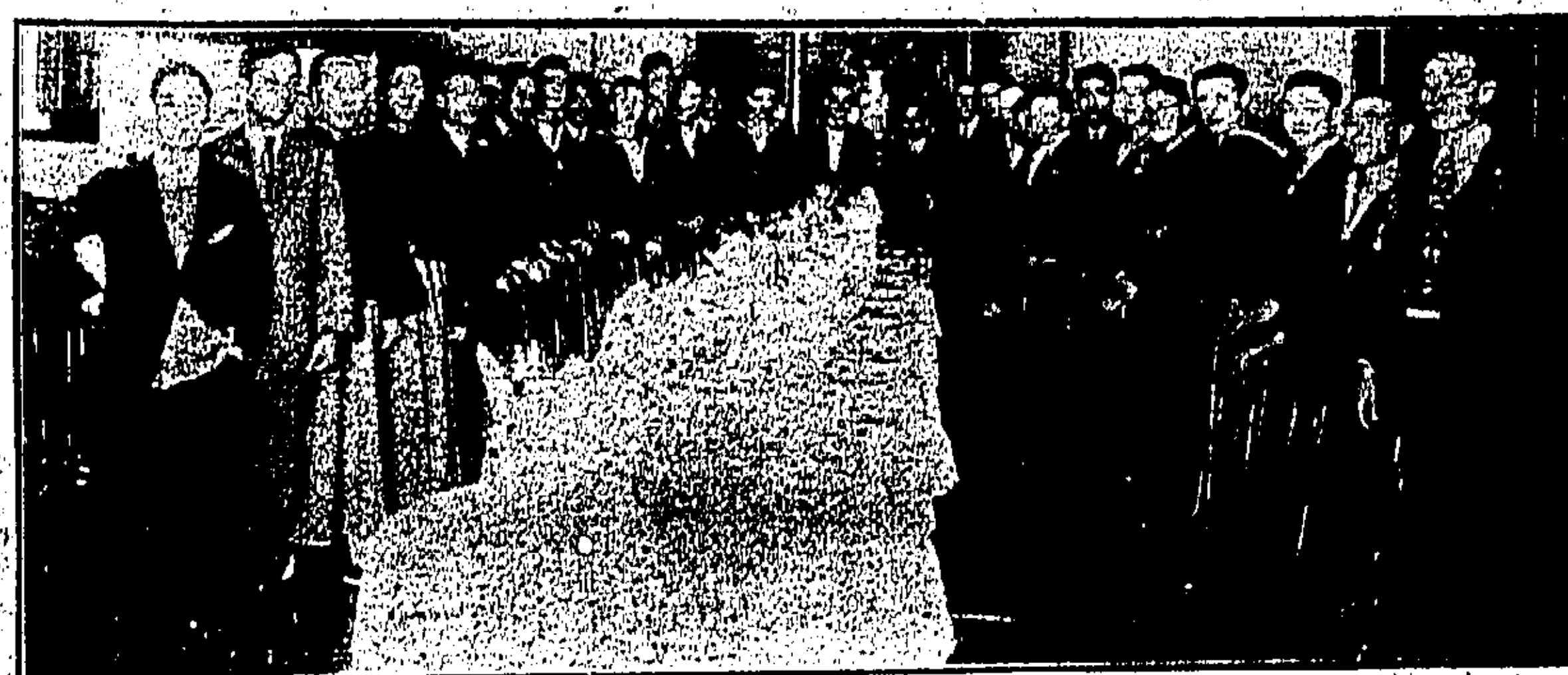


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After playing in a match for charity, the football teams of H.M.S. "Concord" and South China A.A. sat down to dinner at the Hotel Metropole. The flashlight photo taken above shows those who were present.

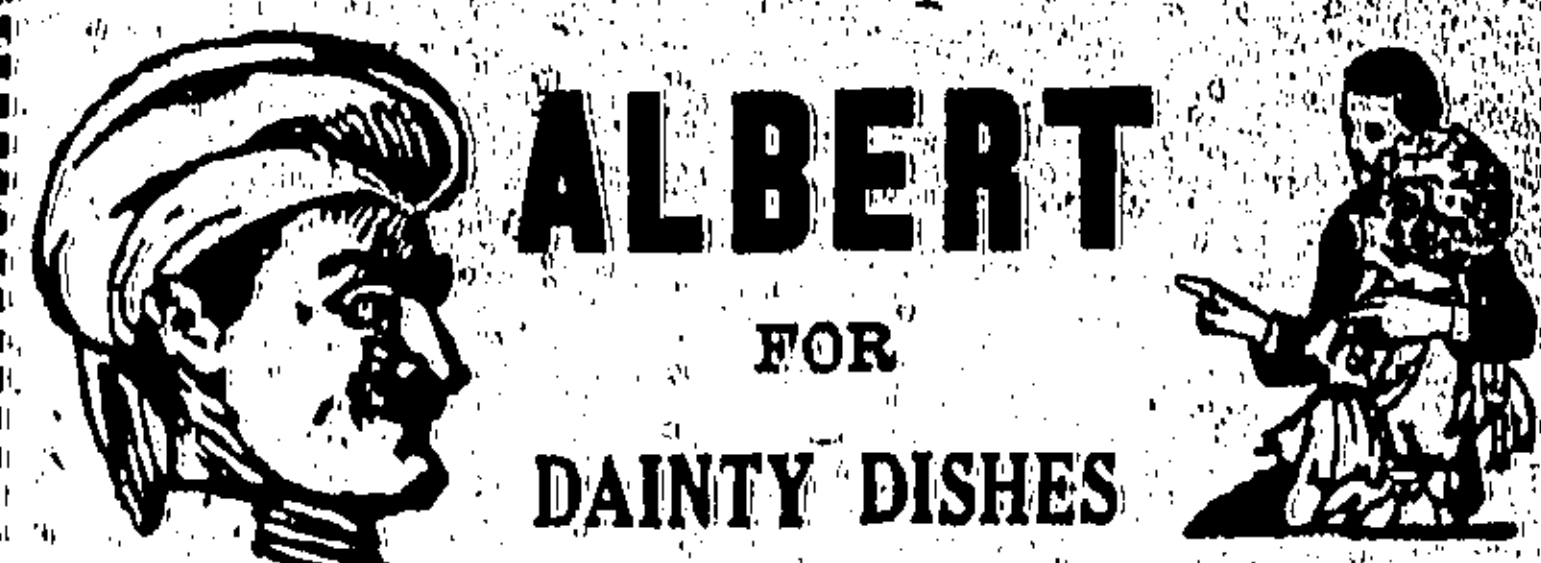
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loveliness, and employs a soft
outline, and one which is distinct-
ly feminine in appeal.

The apron front, which has
returned to a renewed popularity
in the new mode, possesses a very
chic air as it flutters in the wind.
The frock of plain tone is often
made brilliant by the addition of
an apron of gorgeous colouring,
in tucked or flowing lines.

Embroidery, which is the happy
medium of introducing gay tones
into the ensemble, is found partic-
ularly successful on the apron
front of the all white dress.

Above is shown a cool and
dainty afternoon dress of striking
appeal. It is of white crepe de
chine, tucked with flit lace in-
sertions, and a very smart and
sleenderizing apron front of white
net embroidered in black. The
apron is attached in a novel
manner, falling from the low
placed waist, which is outlined by
a black and white combination.
The frock, in keeping with the
latest hints from Paris, is slightly
longer than those worn last
autumn.

Black and white possesses a
feature of individuality that is
seldom found in any other com-
bination. It is equally as smart
in the dance frock as it is in the
sports ensemble.

Above is shown a chic ensemble
which combines black and white
with striking results.

With the ensemble note con-
tinuing its popular way, the
season is made savourily pic-
turesque. The high shades, which
are dominating the fields of

sports and evening pleasures, are
finding beauty in a riot of colours,
while white, black or a combina-
tion of these colours is always to
be found in a favoured position.

The mode demands a slimmness
of outline which is particularly
pleasing in an ensemble which
possesses simplicity for its key-
note. While the masculine vogue
is decidedly on the wane, there is
still a simplicity of feeling to be
found in the most feminine of the

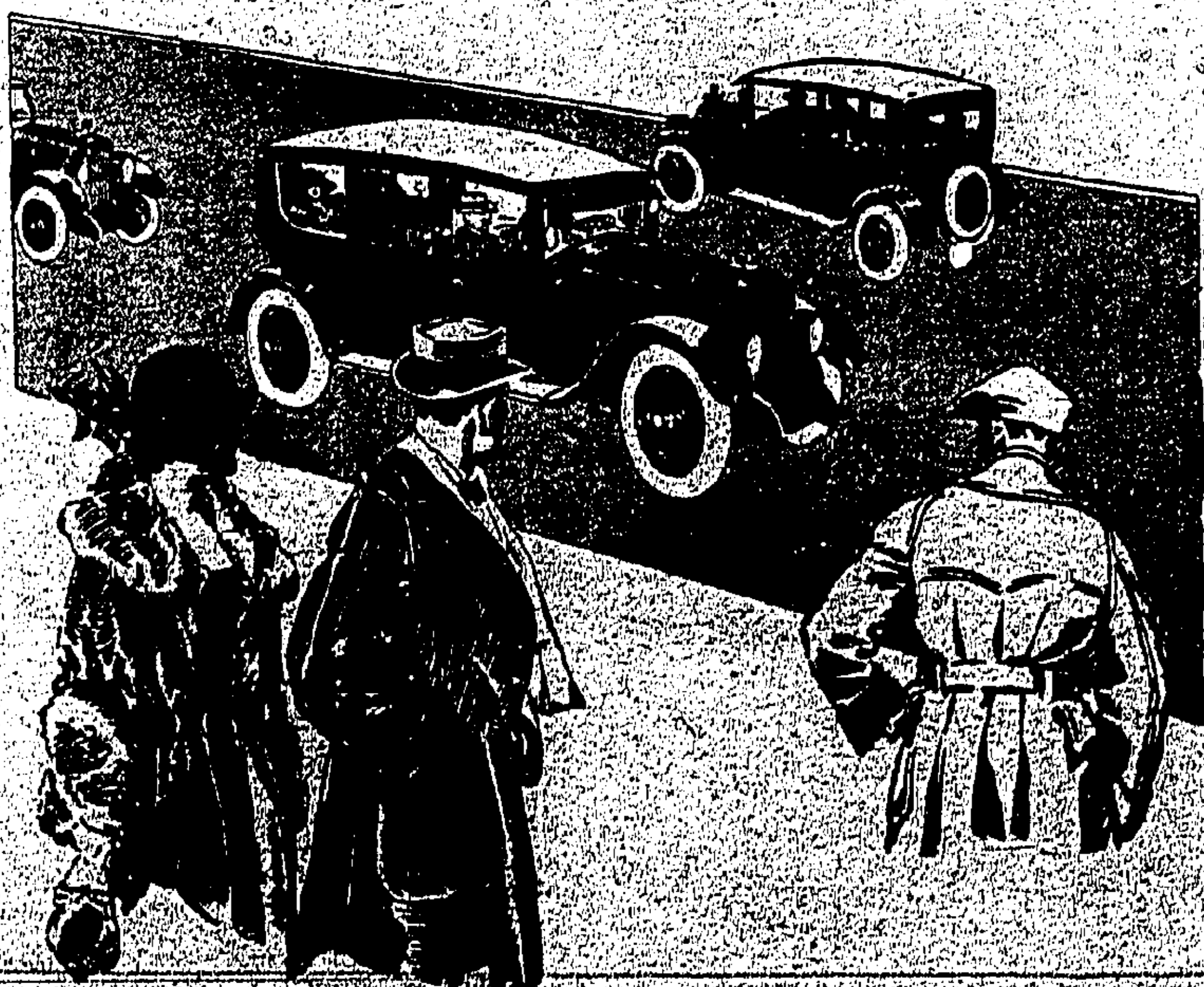
gowns. And this is even more
pronounced in the ensemble of
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stunning results in the evening
gowns, which breathe the air of
Paris. White silk, embroidered,
or applied in black in the new
manner, with a simple cascading
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or sports ensemble, is particularly
effective. White, with black
applique and embroidery, creates
a new stir of smartness, while the
white silk coat, with black stitch-
ing, is particularly smart over the
all white or black and white
frock. The black satin coat,
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